

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	Case No. CR06-199-RSM-JPD
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v.	)	
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SURINDER SINGH SOHAL,	)	DETENTION ORDER
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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Offenses charged:

Count 1: Conspiracy to Smuggle, Transport, and Harbor Illegal Aliens in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(i), 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii), 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii), 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I), and 1324(a)(1)(B)(i).

Counts 2 through 8: Bringing an Illegal Alien for Financial Gain in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(2)(B)(ii) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

Counts 9 through 16: Smuggling of an Illegal Alien in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(i), 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(II), and 1324(A)(1)(B)(i),

Courts 17 through 23: Transporting an Illegal Alien in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii), 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(II), and 1324 (a)(1)(B)(i).

Counts 24 through 30: Harboring an Illegal Alien in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii), 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(II), and 1324(a)(1)(B)(i).

01 Detention Hearing: June 16, 2006.

02 The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and  
03 based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth,  
04 finds the following:

05 FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

06 (1) The defendant is charged in thirty (30) counts. Seven (7) of the counts carry  
07 mandatory three-year-minimum sentences, which can be stacked, providing strong incentive  
08 to flee.

09 (2) The defendant retains strong family ties to India, and is alleged to be part of an  
10 alien-smuggling ring with strong connections throughout Canada, providing incentive to flee  
11 to Canada or to India, rather than facing the pending charges.

12 (3) Based on the proffer by the government, the defendant was stopped in  
13 Wyoming while transporting illegal aliens, yet continued with the same conduct for which he  
14 is presently charged.

15 (4) Based on the proffer by the government, the defendant attempted to sexually  
16 assault women who were the subjects of the alleged alien-smuggling ring. This conduct  
17 poses a danger not only to the community, but to potential witnesses as well.

18 (5) There appear to be no conditions or combination of conditions other than  
19 detention that will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings or  
20 the safety of the community.

21 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

22 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody  
23 of the Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility  
24 separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving  
25 sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;


26 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private

01 consultation with counsel;

02 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for  
03 the government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in  
04 which defendant is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United  
05 States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a  
06 court proceeding; and

07 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United  
08 States, to counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and  
09 to the United States Pretrial Services Officer.

10 DATED this 19th day of June, 2006.

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12 JAMES P. DONOHUE  
13 United States Magistrate Judge  
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